

1.1 BACKGROUND

The municipal storm water National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit (Permit) was issued to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, the County of Los Angeles, and 84 cities by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board on December 13, 2001. The Permit requires Permittees to implement a Development Construction Program to control pollution of runoff from construction activities. This Program describes the actions that Permittees should take to meet the requirements of the Permit.

Part 4.E of the Permit contains requirements specifically for development construction, as summarized in Table 1-1. The Permit requirements are fully enforceable and can only be changed through action by the Regional Board. This Program will be approved by the Regional Board's Executive Officer.

Table 1-1 Permit Requirements - Development Construction		
Permit Section	Requirement Summary ⁽¹⁾	Permit Schedule
E.1 & 2	Implement a development construction program to control runoff from construction activities at all construction sites of one acre and greater by requiring local Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPPs), inspecting for the implementation of BMPs for storm water pollution prevention, and enforcing any storm water pollution prevention requirement violations.	02/01/2002
E.2.c)	Require proof of a state issued Waste Discharge Identification (WDID) Number and certification of the preparation of a state SWPPP for construction sites less than five acres requiring coverage under the General Construction Activities Stormwater Permit (GCASP) prior to issuing a grading permit.	03/10/2003
E.3	Require proof of a state issued Waste Discharger Identification Number and certification of a state SWPPP for Construction sites of five acres and greater prior to issuing a grading permit, in addition to the requirements in item #1.	02/01/2002
E.3.c)	Track the number of issued building and grading permits.	02/01/2002
E.4	Refer General Construction Activities Stormwater Permit (GCASP) violations to the Regional Board.	02/01/2002
E.5	Train targeted employees in the permit requirements for Development Construction and conduct refresher training annually thereafter.	Permittees with a population of less than 250,000 must complete the training by 08/01/02. Permittees with a population greater than 250,000 must complete training by 02/03/2003.

(1) For actual text requirements, see the Permit excerpt in Appendix A.

1.2 OVERVIEW OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS SUBJECT TO THE PROGRAM

Construction Projects

A Development Construction Project is a site where activities such as clearing, grading, excavation, road construction, structure construction, or structure demolition results in the disturbance of soil. It does not include routine maintenance to maintain original line and grade, hydraulic capacity, or original purpose of facility; emergency construction activities required to immediately protect public health and safety; interior remodeling with no outside exposure of

construction material or construction waste to storm water; mechanical permit work; or sign permit work.¹

Construction projects are divided into two categories according to the amount of soil disturbance:

1. Construction projects with less than one acre of disturbed soil.
2. Construction projects with one acre and greater of disturbed soil. The category is further subdivided into two subcategories:
 - a. Construction projects between one acre and five acres of soil disturbance.
 - b. Construction projects with five acres and greater of soil disturbance.

Beginning March 10, 2003, the requirements for construction projects with five acres and greater of soil disturbance shall apply to construction projects with one acre and greater of soil disturbance.

Unless otherwise designated as an Exempt Project, all Construction Projects are required to meet the minimum water quality protection requirements discussed in Section 2.1.

Projects Subject to the General Construction Permit

A project is subject to the California General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity (hereinafter referred to as the General Construction Permit) if it disturbs 5 acres or more of soil, or the project results in the disturbance of less than 5 acres but is part of a larger common plan of development or sale that exceeds 5 acres.

Exempt Projects

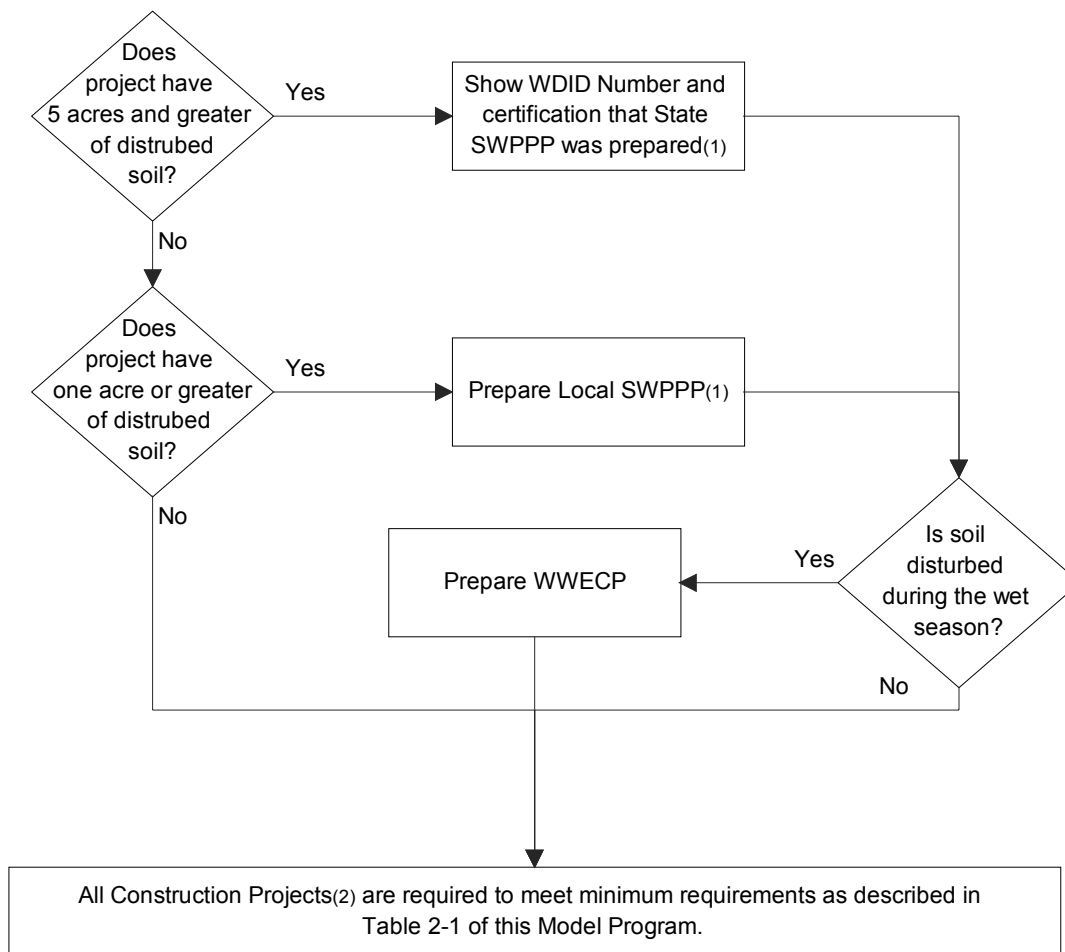
Permittees may exempt certain types of Development Construction Projects that pose minimum risk of storm water pollution as defined in Section 2.4.

A process flow chart for the application of this Program is shown in Figure 1-1 and Figure 1-2.

¹ NPDES Permit part 5 “Definitions”

Figure 1-1. Construction Control Measures

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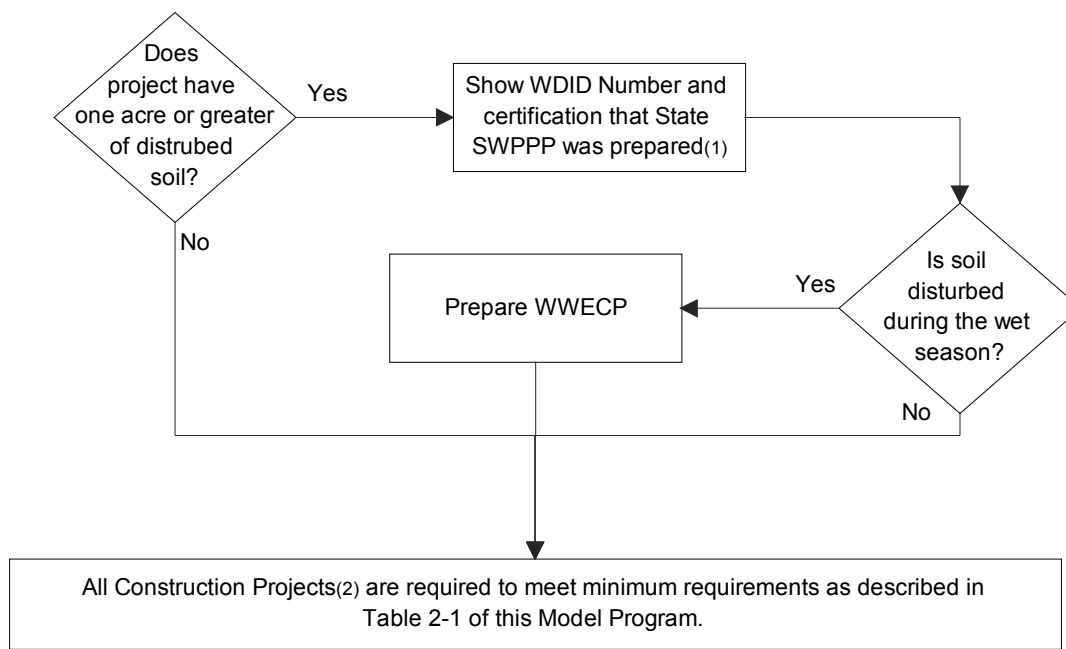


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(2) Construction Project is defined in Section 1.2 of this model program.

Figure 1-2. Construction Control Measures

Effective March 10, 2003



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